

Suggestions for States in reservation

†1957. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought suggestions from State Governments with regard to introduction of reserved seats for backward classes in the field of higher education from academic session of 2007;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) when the suggestions were sought by Government and whether a deadline was set for State Government to give suggestions; and
- (d) the names of the States which had already sent their suggestions to Government by October, 2006 along with the details of the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) As part of the process of formulating a policy of reservation in unaided private educational institution, the Government have been consulting various stakeholders including State Governments. Suggestions received would form input to a suitable legislative proposal, as and when finalized.

First-aid facilities in Government schools

1958. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that First-aid facilities for school children are not available in most of the Government schools particularly in Primary and Middle Government Schools situated in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of specific reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government have formulated any scheme and programme on the pattern of public schools to provide first-aid facilities to the students in Government schools;

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(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to implement the above scheme in the interest of students; and

(e) if not, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) have first aid facilities. Moreover, KVs provide first-aid activities/training to the students in NSS/Scouts & Guides activities. Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVs) which are mostly located in rural areas, appoint a full time regular qualified staff nurse. Medical rooms are also available in permanent buildings of the NVs where first-aid facilities are available. Schools of State Governments are governed by their own rules/regulations.

Revision of guidelines for mid-day meal scheme

1959. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have revised the guidelines of the mid-day meal scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the existing nutritional norms were found to be inadequate to address the growing needs of children; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Guidelines of revised MDM Scheme have been issued in September, 2006. The revised guidelines provide:

- (i) Nutritional norm of 450 calories and 12 grams of protein.
- (ii) Assistance for cooking cost as follows:
 - (a) States in North-Eastern Region @Rs. 1.80 per child per school day, provided the State Govt, contributes a minimum of 20 paise